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IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Visas. A visa is necessary for citizens of some foreign countries to visit the United States for any period of time. The type of visa necessary depends on the reason the person is coming to this country. There are three general types of visas: (1) Fiancé(e) Visa; (2) Non-Immigrant Visa; and (3) Visitor's Visa.

Fiancé(e) Visa. This visa allows you to bring your fiancé(e) into the United States so that you can be married. This visa is good for 90 days. You must get married within 90 days of your fiancé(e) entering the United States. If you do not marry within the 90-day period, your fiancé(e) risks deportation. After the marriage, you may apply for permanent residence status.

Non-Immigrant Visa. This type of visa is required for a foreign relative who wants to visit the United States for an extended stay. This type of visa is only available for an immediate relative. An immediate relative is your spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, son, or daughter. Non-immediate relatives must go on a waiting list.

Visitor's Visa. The visitor's visa is normally issued for up to 90 days. This visa is most common, and is the easiest to obtain.

Permanent Residency. The Application to Register Permanent Residency (Form I-485) entitles the foreign citizen to obtain a Resident Alien Card ("green card"), and to work in the United States. A green card also allows you to apply for citizenship. However, if you want to work, and you have yet to receive the green card, you can apply for an employment authorization card (Form I-765). In order to become a permanent resident, the foreign citizen must have a sponsor lawfully living in the United States. A United States citizen can only sponsor an immediate relative. If the sponsor is a permanent resident (and not a U.S. citizen), he can only sponsor a spouse or child.

Naturalization. The process by which a foreign citizen becomes a U.S. citizen is called naturalization. If the individual who wishes to become a U.S. citizen is a service member, there is no residency or time in military service requirements and no fees will be charged when filing for naturalization. Naturalization of a family member requires that the individual be a permanent resident of the United States for the previous five years or be married to a U.S. citizen for the previous three years and be a permanent resident for the previous three years.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offers direct access to immigration information through a toll-free Military Help Line, 1-877-247-4645. You may also find information on the website www.uscis.gov/military.

For more information and assistance, contact Ms. Dee Frederick at Fort Campbell Client Services Office, Building 2765 Tennessee Ave, across from the Military Courthouse, (270) 798-0793/4432.